## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPCTY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:	§	
	§	Case No. 22-31641-mv-7
GOODMAN NETWORKS, INC.	§	
,	§	(Chapter 7)
Debtor.	§	
	§	
SCOTT M. SIEDEL, TRUSTEE; GNET	§	
ATC, LLC; MULTIBAND FIELD	§	
SERVICES, INC.,	§	ADVERSARY PROCEEDING
	§	NO: 23-03036-mvl
Plaintiff(s),	§	
	§	
V.	§	
	§	
JAMES FRINZI; FRINZI FAMILY TRUST;	§	
MULTIBAND GLOBAL RESOURCES,	§	
LLC,	§	
	§	
Defendant(s).	§	

# DEFENDANTS JAMES FRINZI AND FRINZI FAMILY TRUST'S FIRST AMENDED <u>ANSWER TO ORIGINAL COMPLAINT</u>

Defendants James Frinzi ("Frinzi") and Frinzi Family Trust (the "Trust" and, collectively, "Defendants"), by and through their attorneys, file this First Amended Answer to the Original Complaint ("Complaint") (Doc. 1) filed in the above-captioned adversary proceeding by Scott M. Seidel, Chapter 7 Trustee ("Trustee" or "Plaintiff") of the bankruptcy estate of Goodman Networks, Inc. ("Debtor"). In support thereof, Defendants answer each of the numbered paragraphs in the Original Complaint with the corresponding subpart titles and paragraph numbers below.

#### I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. Paragraph 1 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is

required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants admit the allegations in paragraph 1.

- 2. Paragraph 2 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants admit the allegations in paragraph 2.
- 3. Paragraph 3 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants admit the allegations in paragraph 3.
- 4. Paragraph 4 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 4 of the Complaint, do not consent to the conduct of the trial by the bankruptcy judge, and deny Plaintiff is entitled to a final judgment in its favor.
- 5. Paragraph 5 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 5.

#### II. PARTIES

- 6. Paragraph 6 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants admit the Trustee asserts claims in the capacity of Trustee. Defendants deny the Trustee has standing to sue for the non-debtor entity plaintiff.
- 7. Paragraph 7 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 7 of the Complaint.
- 8. Defendants lack knowledge sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 8 of the Complaint; therefore, Defendants deny same.
  - 9. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 9 of the Complaint.
  - 10. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 10 of the Complaint.

11. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 11 of the Complaint.

#### III. <u>FACTS</u>

#### A. FRINZI

- 12. Defendants admit the allegations in the first sentence of Paragraph 12 of the Complaint. The second sentence of Paragraph 12 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 12 of the Complaint.
- 13. Defendants admit the allegations in the first sentence of Paragraph 13 of the Complaint. The second sentence of Paragraph 13 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 13 of the Complaint.
- 14. Defendants admit the allegations in the first sentence of Paragraph 14 of the Complaint. The second sentence of Paragraph 14 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 14 of the Complaint.
- 15. Defendants admit the allegations in the first sentence of Paragraph 15 of the Complaint. The second sentence of Paragraph 15 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 15 of the Complaint.

#### B. THE STOCK PURCHASE

- 16. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 16 of the Complaint.
- 17. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 17 of the Complaint.
- 18. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 18 of the Complaint.

- 19. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 19 of the Complaint.
- 20. Defendants lack knowledge sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 20 of the Complaint; therefore, Defendants deny same.
- 21. The document referenced in Paragraph 21 of the Complaint speaks for itself, and Defendants deny any and all allegations in Paragraph 21 inconsistent with the terms of the document referenced therein.
  - 22. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 22 of the Complaint.
  - 23. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 23 of the Complaint.
- 24. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 24 of the Complaint only insofar as Defendants admit Stauber acted as an escrow agent. Defendants lack knowledge sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the remaining allegations in Paragraph 24 of the Complaint; therefore, Defendants deny same.
  - 25. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 25 of the Complaint.
- 26. Paragraph 26 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 26 of the Complaint.
  - 27. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 27 of the Complaint.
  - 28. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 28 of the Complaint.

#### C. THE \$4.4 MILLION TRANSFER

- 29. Defendants lack knowledge sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 29 of the Complaint; therefore, Defendants deny same.
- 30. Defendants lack knowledge sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 30 of the Complaint; therefore, Defendants deny same.

- 31. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 31 of the Complaint.
- 32. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 32 of the Complaint.
- 33. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 33 of the Complaint.
- 34. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 34 of the Complaint.
- 35. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 35 of the Complaint.
- 36. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 36 of the Complaint.
- 37. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 37 of the Complaint.

#### D. THE \$962K TRANSFER

- 38. The document referenced in Paragraph 38 of the Complaint speaks for itself, and Defendants deny any and all allegations in Paragraph 38 inconsistent with the terms of the document referenced therein.
- 39. Defendants lack knowledge sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 39 of the Complaint; therefore, Defendants deny same.
  - 40. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 40 of the Complaint.

#### E. FRUITS OF TRANSFERS AND SUBSEQUENT TRANSFERS

- 41. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 41 of the Complaint.
- 42. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 42 of the Complaint.
- 43. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 43 of the Complaint.
- 44. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 44 of the Complaint.
- 45. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 45 of the Complaint.
- 46. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 46 of the Complaint.
- 47. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 47 of the Complaint.
- 48. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 48 of the Complaint.

- 49. The document referenced in Paragraph 49 of the Complaint speaks for itself, and Defendants deny any and all allegations in Paragraph 49 inconsistent with the terms of the document referenced therein.
  - 50. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 50 of the Complaint.
  - 51. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 51 of the Complaint.

#### IV. <u>CAUSES OF ACTION</u>

### COUNT 1: Breach of Fiduciary Duty—Stock Purchase & 962K Transfer

- 52. Defendants incorporate their responses above.
- 53. Paragraph 53 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 53 of the Complaint.
- 54. Paragraph 54 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 54 of the Complaint.
- 55. Paragraph 55 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 55 of the Complaint.
- 56. Paragraph 56 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 56 of the Complaint.
- 57. Paragraph 57 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 57 of the Complaint.

- 58. Paragraph 58 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 58 of the Complaint.
- 59. Paragraph 59 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 59 of the Complaint.
- 60. Paragraph 60 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 60 of the Complaint.
- 61. Paragraph 61 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 61 of the Complaint.

## COUNT 2: UNJUST ENRICHMENT (FRINZI AND MGR)

- 62. Defendants incorporate their responses above.
- 63. Paragraph 63 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 63 of the Complaint.
- 64. Paragraph 64 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 64 of the Complaint.
- 65. Paragraph 65 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 65 of the Complaint.

## **COUNT 3:** IMPOSITION/DECLARATION OF CONSTRUCTIVE TRUST--STOCK

- 66. Defendants incorporate their responses above.
- 67. Paragraph 67 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 67 of the Complaint.
- 68. Paragraph 68 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 68 of the Complaint.
- 69. Paragraph 69 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 69 of the Complaint.
- 70. Paragraph 70 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 70 of the Complaint.

### COUNT 4: IMPOSITION/DECLARATION OF RESULTING TRUST—STOCK

- 71. Defendants incorporate their responses above.
- 72. Paragraph 72 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 72 of the Complaint.
- 73. Paragraph 73 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 73 of the Complaint.
  - 74. Paragraph 74 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is

required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 74 of the Complaint.

#### COUNT 5: Breach of Fiduciary Duty—\$4.4 Million Transfer

- 75. Defendants incorporate their responses above.
- 76. Paragraph 76 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 76 of the Complaint.
- 77. Paragraph 77 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 77 of the Complaint.
- 78. Paragraph 78 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 78 of the Complaint.
- 79. Paragraph 79 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 79 of the Complaint.
- 80. Paragraph 80 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 80 of the Complaint.
- 81. Paragraph 81 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 81 of the Complaint.
  - 82. Paragraph 82 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is

required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 82 of the Complaint.

83. Paragraph 83 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 83 of the Complaint.

### **COUNT 6:** Unjust Enrichment (Frinzi and MGR)

- 84. Defendants incorporate their responses above.
- 85. Paragraph 85 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 86 of the Complaint.
- 86. Paragraph 86 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 86 of the Complaint.

#### COUNT 7: FRAUDULENT TRANSFER—\$4.4 MILLION

- 87. Defendants incorporate their responses above.
- 88. Paragraph 88 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 88 of the Complaint.
- 89. Paragraph 89 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 89 of the Complaint.
- 90. Paragraph 90 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 90 of

the Complaint.

91. Paragraph 91 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 91 of the Complaint.

#### COUNT 8: RECOVERY OF FRAUDULENT TRANSFER—\$4.4 MILLION

- 92. Defendants incorporate their responses above.
- 93. Paragraph 93 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 93 of the Complaint.
- 94. Paragraph 94 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 94 of the Complaint.
- 95. Paragraph 95 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 95 of the Complaint.

## COUNT 9:1 FRAUDULENT TRANSFER—LAKEHOUSE AND LOT

- 96. Defendants incorporate their responses above.
- 97. Paragraph 97 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 97 of the Complaint.
- 98. Paragraph 98 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 98 of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Count 9, Fraudulent Transfer—Lakehouse and Lot, is mis-identified as Count 10 in the Complaint.

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the Complaint.

- 99. Paragraph 99 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 99 of the Complaint.
- 100. Paragraph 100 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 100 of the Complaint.
- 101. Paragraph 101 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 101 of the Complaint.

## COUNT 11: IMPOSITION/DECLARATION OF CONSTRUCTIVE TRUST—\$4.4 MILLION TRANSFER AND \$962K TRANSFER

- 102. Defendants incorporate their responses above.
- 103. Paragraph 103 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 103 of the Complaint.
- 104. Paragraph 104 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 104 of the Complaint.
- 105. Paragraph 105 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 105 of the Complaint.
- 106. Paragraph 106 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 106 of

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the Complaint.

107. Paragraph 107 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 107 of the Complaint.

#### V. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

108. Paragraph 108 of the Complaint contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 108 of the Complaint.

#### VI. PRAYER

Defendants deny that the Trustee is entitled to the relief sought in the Prayer.

#### AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

In further Answer to the Complaint, and by way of separate and individual defenses and affirmative defenses, Defendants allege as follows:

- 1. Plaintiff may not avoid any of the allegedly fraudulent transfers made to Defendants pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 544(b), Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code § 24.005(a), and 11 U.S.C. § 548(a) because all such transfers were received by Defendants in good faith and for reasonably equivalent value.
- 2. Plaintiff may not avoid the alleged transfers to Defendants pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 544 and/or 548 to the extent that the Debtors received reasonably equivalent value for the transfers, and:
  - a. The Debtors were solvent when the alleged transfers were made, or did not become
    insolvent as a result of the alleged transfers;

- b. The Debtors were not engaged or about to engage in business or transactions for which any property remaining with the Debtors was unreasonably small capital; or
- c. The Debtors did not intend to incur, or did not believe that they would incur debts that would be beyond the Debtors; ability to pay the debts as such debts matured.
- 3. Plaintiff is not entitled to recovery under 11 U.S.C. §548(a)(1)(B), thus the Plaintiff may not hold the Defendants liable pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 550.
- 4. Plaintiff is not entitled to recovery under the Texas Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act ("TUFTA") because the transferee (1) took the transfer in good faith and (b) for a reasonably equivalent value.
- 5. Plaintiff is not entitled to recovery under TUFTA because the transferee (1) fully performed under a lawful, arm's-length contract for fair market value, (2) provided consideration that had objective value at the time of the transaction, and (3) made the exchange in the ordinary course of the transferee's business.
- 6. To the extent the Debtors were solvent when the alleged transfers were made, or did not become insolvent as a result of the alleged transfers, Plaintiff may not avoid the alleged transfers to the Defendants.
- 7. Plaintiff is estopped from asserting these claims because the alleged transfer complained of benefited the Debtors and were affirmed and completed with the Debtors' knowledge, agreement or acquiescence.
- 8. Some or all of Plaintiff's claims, damages, and/or requests for relief are barred, in whole or in part, due to the business judgment rule.
- 9. Some or all of Plaintiff's claims, damages, and/or requests for relief are barred, in whole or in part by, or are subject to, setoff or recoupment.

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10. Some or all of Plaintiff's claims, damages, and/or requests for relief are barred, in whole or in part, by Plaintiff's waiver, release, or ratification.

#### **GENERAL DENIAL**

To the extent Defendants have not answered any allegation within the Complaint, Defendants deny any and all such allegations.

#### **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

Defendants reserve the right to amend their Answer to correct and add defenses as further information regarding Plaintiff's claims becomes available through the course of discovery or otherwise.

#### **RULE 7012 STATEMENT**

Defendants do not consent to entry of final orders or judgment by the Bankruptcy Court.

#### **PRAYER**

Defendants respectfully request that all relief requested in Plaintiff's Complaint be denied and the Court enter judgment that Plaintiff take nothing on its claims against Defendants. Defendants further request any other and further relief to which they may show themselves entitled.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE		
	3, I electronically filed the foregoing with the clerk of we served a copy of the same to the following parties below:	

Counsel for the Scott Seidel, Chapter 7 Trustee

> /s/ Jason M. Rudd Jason M. Rudd